

Muscatine County Master Gardeners 2009-2010 Scholarship Application

The ISU Extension Muscatine County Master Gardeners Scholarships are available to students in Muscatine, Cedar, and Louisa Counties. They are one-year, \$500.00 scholarships for students pursuing a degree in the field of horticulture. Three \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded. Scholarship applications must be received by April 1, 2010 and will be awarded by June 1, 2010.

Applicants for this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must be a graduating senior of a Muscatine, Cedar, or Louisa County high school planning to attend an Iowa college, university, or community college or a graduate of a Muscatine, Cedar, or Louisa County high school currently attending an Iowa college, university, or community college.
2. Applicants must be a full time student, or entering as a full time student with a declared major or planning to declare a major in the field of horticulture in a two-year or four-year program.
3. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 grade average.
4. Applicants will be limited to two Muscatine County Master Gardeners' scholarships in their academic career.

Instructions for completing the application:

1. Answer all the questions. If the information does not apply, please so state.
2. Attach an official high school or college transcript.
3. Mail or deliver the completed application by April 1, 2010 to:
Master Gardeners Scholarship Committee
Muscatine County Extension Office
1514 Isett Ave.
Muscatine, IA 52761

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____

Street

_____, IA _____

City

Zip

E-mail _____

High School: _____ Location: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Home address _____

Grade point average _____

Name of post-secondary college, university, or community college you plan to attend: _____

Have you applied? Yes No Have you been accepted Yes No

Horticulture field of study: _____

List school activities in which you have participated, including any special honors. School activities/Clubs: _____

List community activities in which you have participated, including any special honors. _____

Hobbies/Leisure activities: _____

Paid employment experiences: _____

Please provide an essay (100-150) words) as to why you would like to pursue a career in the field of horticulture and how this scholarship may help. Include information about any special circumstances that are of a personal or financial nature that you have overcome or still face.

Please complete the Community Leader Reference Form.

To be considered all completed applications must include the following:

1. **This completed application form**
2. **Official grade transcript**
3. **Written essay**
4. **The Community Leader Reference Form**

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Community Leader Reference Form Due: April 1, 2010

Instructions: The applicant should complete Items #1, #2, and #3. The reference must be completed by a community leader (not a family member). As a courtesy to the people that are providing a reference, please provide them with a date and time that you will return for the form.

1. Applicant's Name: _____
2. Applicant's Address: _____
3. Applicant's Intended Field of Study: _____
4. How long and in what capacity have you known this individual: _____

5. Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics (mark with a check or plus):

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	Unable to Determine
Dependability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Motivation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to get along well with others	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Likelihood of Academic Success	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

6. Please explain why you feel this individual is (or is not) deserving of a scholarship.

Signature _____

Date _____

Name printed or typed _____

Title/Position _____

This information will be kept confidential. If there are any questions or additional comments, please contact Christine Leech, Muscatine County Master Gardeners Scholarship Chair, 563-264-8130, leech.christine@gmail.com.